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S. RES. 113

Condemning the extraconstitutional and antidemocratic actions of President Serrano of Guatemala.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. FORD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. JEFFORDS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Condemning the extraconstitutional and antidemocratic actions of President Serrano of Guatemala.

Whereas Guatemala has had a democratically elected government since 1985;

Whereas President Jorge Serrano and the members of the Guatemalan Congress were freely and fairly elected;

Whereas on May 25, 1993, President Serrano seized near-dictatorial powers by partially suspending Guatemala's Constitution, dissolving Congress and the Supreme Court, and ruling by decree;

Whereas these events are extraconstitutional and antidemocratic and require immediate international attention and action; and

Whereas the Organization of American States agreed in Santiago, Chile, in 1991 to convene an emergency meeting of the Hemisphere's foreign ministers in the event of a coup d'etat in a member country in order to consider joint actions to bring about a return to democracy in that country: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) condemns the extraconstitutional and anti-
3 democratic actions of President Serrano of Guate-
4 mala and considers those actions a serious blow to
5 democracy in Guatemala and a serious threat to de-
6 mocracy in the Hemisphere;

7 (2) calls on President Serrano to restore imme-
8 diately the democratically elected Congress and the
9 judiciary and to ensure full respect for internation-
10 ally recognized human rights;

11 (3) commends President Clinton for his rapid
12 and decisive response to the situation in Guatemala,
13 in particular his condemnation of President
14 Serrano's actions and his suspension of disburse-
15 ments of United States assistance;

16 (4) calls on the President to suspend the Unit-
17 ed States assistance program to Guatemala, and to
18 seek to delay approval of any international loans for
19 Guatemala, until constitutional government is re-
20 stored to Guatemala; and

1 (5) commends the Organization of American
2 States (OAS) for its plan to send a fact-finding mis-
3 sion headed by the Secretary General to Guatemala
4 and for calling a meeting of the foreign ministers of
5 the OAS member countries, to be held within 10
6 days.

7 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit
8 a copy of this resolution to the President of the United
9 States.

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